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TOUR THROUGH THE CANE FIELDS OF HAMAKUA

My Lordly Norseman Host--Where White Men Beat the Asiatics in Field Labor--Beautiful Scenes.

By Sol. N. Sheridan.

HILO, Hawaii, June 17.—Two days, in the life of a man, is a little while. Two days, in vehicles various and over roads that are a muck of dust where they are not guarded with rocks, may come to seem like a lifetime—and then some. We were two days from the plantation of Honokaa to Hilo, and by the courtesy of Manager Gjerdrum of Honokaa we were relieved of the necessity of making that distance on horseback.

They do things in a large and lordly way, these plantation managers. My friend, otherwise known in Honolulu as the politically wicked Mr. Achi, once made reference in a speech on the floor of the Senate of Hawaii to the "Sugar Bar-rons"—with the accent on the last syllable—meaning the owners of sugar plantations.

My friend, Mr. Achi, as usual, was mistaken. It is the managers of the plantations who keep baronial state. Take, for example, Mr. Gjerdrum of Honokaa. You come to his place, looking rather like a tramp on horseback, tired and dusty and sore and feeling at war with all mankind—yourself rather more than with any other. If you come, as I did, from Waimea way, over the new road and down past the home-steads in the forest, you will have ridden down a rocky causeway that is like a stone staircase whereof mischievous Titans have removed every other stair, and your tired, footsore horse will have so shaken you at the end of a long day that you will fall rather than dismount at the gate of a mansion set on a hill, from which gleam many electric lights.

NATURE'S NOBLEMAN.

And you will be delivered into the hands of a tall, handsome man in white, who looks like Nansen, and has in his nature that gentle Norse strength that will serve to the end—and do no man harm. You will be delivered into his hands, and will be perfectly content to rest there. It was only in the most casual way, sometime during the second day at Honokaa, that I learned that Manager Gjerdrum had sent the horses that had carried us from Waimea. The knowledge came as no surprise. It seemed the natural and proper thing for him to do, a mere matter of course. He was the kind of man who sends horses and men, here, there and everywhere, to do his will.

His welcome to Honokaa was of the same large, lordly kind. He was the ruler of the land, and we were his guests. Wherefore, we felt that we had acquired an interest of proprietorship, by right of his hospitality. And that, I take it, is the perfection of tact. Manager Gjerdrum is the real ruler of the plantation on Hawaii that carries the largest burden of homesteads in proportion to its area. He carries that burden as he carries all the rest. Indeed, if I were a capitalist with money to invest, I think I would put it in Honokaa because of Gjerdrum.

HOMESTEAD WORKERS.

The Honokaa settlers have their home-steads on the uplands and at dinner, after we had been shown into comfortable rooms and had bathed comfortably in the Manager's house—I had very nearly written castle—on the hill, the talk turned upon sugar, of course, and plantation matters and the home-steads. The Manager was warm in his praises of the Portuguese settlers. He would not have complained, if they had turned out badly, but was plainly glad to have the men that he had, although there were not enough of them to do any work in the fields. They were employed, for the most part, about the mill and with the teams.

"They have their own little cane patches up there," he said, "and the women and children take care of them. The men ride down here to work

in the morning and ride back again at night. I pay them between \$3.75 and \$4.00 a ton for their cane, standing in the field, we paying all the cost of cutting and transportation to the mill. And we give them all the seed cane they want. There is no profit in it. In fact, we generally make a loss in dealing with the home-steaders. But it encourages them."

The Manager is sure of at least that many laborers, which is a consideration in these times when all the plantations are short of labor. And that fact should lend color of kindness to the plantation spirit in approaching the labor problem in search of a solution. The Manager of Honokaa has seen the storm coming, a long way off, and has shaped his course by the longer view.

In the hands of such a man, it was not at all surprising to rise on the second morning and find that a comfortable survey had taken the place of the saddle-horses of the former stage. The "Hawaiian jog" is a comfortable gait enough, when the jogging horse is in harness ahead and not in the saddle under you—and it eats up the long miles.

AN EMERALD COAST.

Most people of Honolulu know that beautiful stretch of green coast that lies along windward Hawaii—eighty miles of sugar cane stretching up the long slopes to the black forest line and threaded with silvery streams leaping from the cliffs into the sea at short intervals. Very few, I take it, have ridden through those green cane fields, mile after mile, as I did, and been fortunate enough to see, as I saw, the whole process of cane growing, from planting to cutting, from fluming the cane down swiftly to the mills to putting the sacked sugar on the ships in the harbor of this town of Hilo.

And, in the fields, I have seen small Portuguese boys plant cane alongside Japanese men and beat them at it, row for row. I have seen a Portuguese, past middle age, cutting the ripe cane in the midst of a gang of Japs and Koreans—and advancing into the mass of vegetation a yard ahead of his fellows all the time. Don't tell me that white men cannot work in the cane fields! That is a fetiche, fostered by people who do not want white men there, it may be. I have seen the white man at it, and he and his sons could have worked rings around the Asiatics. On those upland fields of Hawaii, where the sun is not so hot as in the corn fields of Kansas and Missouri, and the labor no more arduous, any white man can work in the sun and can thrive.

The fetiche that he cannot do the work has been held before the white man—and the white man of Anglo-Saxon blood has disclaimed to put himself on a working level with the Jap and the Korean. Let the white man of your own blood take a fighting chance, gentlemen, and see where you would land? Or, if not that, lend the encouragement of your approval to the Portuguese experiment. The Portuguese make good citizens, too, and achieve the Anglo-Saxon standard in time. Nobody will object if you make profit of their growing season.

NO MONOTONY HERE.

It would seem that mile after mile through the cane fields would become monotonous, but it does not. There is infinite variety in the cane itself, and on the Hawaiian plantations the various processes of plowing and planting and cutting are going on all the time. The various ways of getting the cane to the mills, by swiftly running flumes, by overhead wires that carry bundles of cane, soaring like birds over the fields and across the deep gulches, and by wagons are most interesting. The scenes on the roads are constantly animating. Japs and Koreans and Hawaiians pass along on foot, on horseback, in quaint vehicles and strange dress. Long trains of pack mules, car-

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MR. FITZ'S FAREWELL

He Counsels Hawaiians to Stand Fast to Cathedral.

Rev. Frank Fitz preached his farewell sermon to the Hawaiian congregation of St. Andrew's cathedral yesterday morning. His text was Psalm 137:5—"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning."

The veneration with which the Israelites regarded Jerusalem, the holy city, was shown even in their exile, when they turned their faces toward it. This was because the temple was there, enshrining the presence of God.

To the Hawaiians at any rate, the preacher said, St. Andrew's cathedral stood somewhat in the same relation as did Jerusalem to the Israelites. It was filled with sacred memories for them. Both the land and the building were largely obtained by money raised through the generosity of the kings and chiefs of Hawaii. So that whatever changes of pastorate might take place they should remain faithful in their attendance at the cathedral and in their reception of the sacraments.

Jerusalem meant a city of peace. How could that peace be obtained? By lifting up the heart to God in prayer whenever sorrow, temptation or trial came. It was better to regard heaven as a state than as a place, for it was then possible to have heaven here on earth—a foretaste of heaven in that peace which the world could neither give nor take away, and which came from living in the power of the active consciousness of God's presence and in the power of His love.

CAPT. YOST ORDERED TO MANILA DUTY

Captain John D. Yost, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., who has been in charge of the military hospital in Honolulu for the past two years, has been ordered to duty at Manila, and will leave shortly for his new post. He will be relieved here by First Lieut. Robert M. Blanchard, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., who has been on duty in the Philippines. The Army and Navy Journal for June 9 gives the notices and orders for the transfers.

Captain Yost has been quite popular in Honolulu and has been one of the very enthusiastic golfers on the Maunaloa and Moanalua links.

FEDERAL COURT LIBRARY BILL PASSES CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, JUNE 23.
To Dole, Federal Judge, Honolulu.
Library purchase passed both Houses.

Judge S. B. Dole of the United States District Court of Honolulu received the above cablegram on Saturday afternoon. The message indicates that the \$10,000 appropriation for the purchase of a law library for the use of the federal judge in Honolulu is now available and that the library will be forthcoming at an early date.

The appropriation is due to the personal efforts of Col. Hepburn, Congressman from Iowa, and father of Mrs. Roy Chamberlain of this city. When Col. Hepburn was here for an extended visit with the Chamberlains, he visited Judge Dole at the courthouse.

Judge Dole commented upon the lack of a library for the judge here, and it was shown that this was a serious handicap. At that time, as now, Judge Dole is making use of the late Judge Estee's fine library, but this is likely to be removed at any time, and its removal would leave the judge in circumstances which would, to say the least, put him to a great disadvantage in interpreting the complex questions of the law.

True, the Territorial, or Supreme Court Library, is in the same building with the courtroom of the Federal Judge, but it is upstairs. Should a Federal building be erected the Federal Court would be far removed from a law library.

Col. Hepburn saw the force of the arguments and put in his best efforts to secure a library for Judge Dole and officials of the court, as well as attorneys trying cases before the court. A bill was introduced by Col. Hepburn and evidently Uncle Joe Cannon, as careful a watchdog of the national treasury as he is, felt that Judge Dole's request was a reasonable one, for he let the bill pass.

"I am extremely pleased to get this news," said Judge Dole yesterday, "and I am under obligations to Col. Hepburn for getting the bill through."

MEMORIAL DAY I. O. O. F.

Exercises at Hall and Decoration of Graves.

Yesterday was observed as Memorial Day by the Odd Fellows. The various branches of the order in Honolulu assembled in Odd Fellows hall in the morning, where the ritual for the day was conducted by Dr. C. T. Rodgers, District Deputy Grand Sire, who also delivered a fine address.

No eulogies had to be pronounced, owing to the happy fact that, during the year, death had made no inroads upon any of the local institutions of the order. One or two members who had taken out cards and left the islands died, and appropriate reference was made to their memories.

After the exercises in the hall the members entered and filled two electric cars on Fort street in front of the I. O. O. F. building, which conveyed them first to Nuuanu cemetery, from thence to Makiki cemetery and lastly to Kalaheo cemetery. At each city of the dead the graves of departed members were decorated with flowers, while ritual ceremonies were conducted by Past Grand Albion F. Clark, acting as assistant to Dr. Rodgers, D. D. G. S.

A magnificent lot of flowers had been contributed for the decoration of graves. Miss Dayton, in the indoor exercises, played with fine effect on the piano the tune of "Nearer My God to Thee" with variations, and Miss Anita Phillips beautifully rendered a hymn as a vocal solo.

Different lodges were represented by high officers as follows: Excelsior Lodge, Vice Grand R. A. Robbins; Harmony Lodge, Noble Grand E. Schwartzberger; Pacific Rebekah Lodge, Noble Grand Miss Florence Lee and Vice Grand Grace O'Brien; Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge, Noble Grand Miss Alice Dunn and Vice Grand Alexander Gertz; Uniform Rank, Commander Paul Smith and Major Kelly (master of bark George Curtis).

JAP DIES IN MOLASSES TANK

Purser Radway of the steamer Nihau, arriving from Anahola yesterday, brought news of the death of a Japanese at Keala mill under unusual circumstances.

The man was a laborer named Okahama and on Friday last he accidentally fell into a tank of molasses and was dead when discovered.

No one saw him at the time of the accident and it is supposed that when working at the tank his foot slipped or he was attacked by heart failure.

A coroner's inquest was held and a verdict of accidental death returned. Deceased was an old man and had been in the employ of the Mahee Sugar Co. for many years.

PARLIAMENT HAS POTENCY

It Removes Governors on Account of Bialystok Horror—"The Open Door."

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

BIALYSTOK, June 25.—As a result of the parliamentary inquiry the civil and military governors are displaced.

As no doubt the governors are creatures of the court, or of the bureaucracy, the assumption of authority for their dismissal by the parliamentary investigating commission may have momentous consequences. It may precipitate a clash between the Czar and Parliament which must needs be to a finish. Late news abounds with proof that the revolutionary propaganda in the army is more and more revealing its effectiveness. Rumors of military disaffection are coming from many garrisons. Therefore the Czar would rashly tempt fate by making himself responsible for a collision.

MANCHURIAN OPEN DOOR.

PEKING, June 25.—There are favorable indications for "the open door" in Manchuria.

From this intelligence it would appear that apprehensions of a Japanese policy of exclusion in Manchuria, in degree to exasperate other powers, are diminishing.

KAISER DINES THE LONGWORTHS.

KIEL, June 25.—The Kaiser has dined Mr. and Mrs. Longworth (nee Roosevelt) on board the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern.

SOUDANESE REBELS PUNISHED.

CAIRO, June 25.—Three hundred and fifty Soudanese have been killed and one hundred captured by the punitive expedition.

PANAMA GOVERNMENT VICTORIOUS.

PANAMA, June 25.—The Government has won a victory in the elections in many provinces. There were minor disorders.

TERRORISTS ARE RAMPANT.

WARSAW, June 25.—The terrorists have killed three policemen here.

COLONEL REGAN DEAD.

MANILA, June 25.—Colonel James Regan is dead.

BIG PROFITS OF BERNHARDT TOUR

NEW YORK, June 14.—It was announced at a dinner given to Mme. Sarah Bernhardt last night in the Cafe de Beaux Arts, that when the actress sails on the steamer La Touraine tomorrow morning she will take with her more than \$200,000 that she has made on her tour of the country.

According to the manager, there has been taken in at all of the performances \$1,088,000. Of this the actress received \$395,000. Her personal expenses were about \$50,000. She has played in barns, vacant lots, dance halls, and in one instance in a private dining room.

The dinner was tendered her by Lee Shubert and W. S. Connor. The actress received a handsome loving cup, bearing the arms of France and the United States and an inscription stating the occasion of the gift, her two hundred and twenty-sixth performance in America. All the members of the company, including the property men and electricians, were at the dinner.

ELLEN TERRY'S FAREWELL.

LONDON, June 14.—Ellen Terry will make a four months' farewell tour of the United States, beginning in June, 1907, under the management of Charles Frohman, appearing in a new play and one or two of her favorite parts.

TO INCREASE THE TRAFFIC

CITY OF MEXICO, June 10.—The Mexican Government, in furtherance of its plans for building up a big traffic between the two oceans across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, has entered into a new contract with S. Pearson & Son whereby enlarged plans for the construction of port works at Coatzacoalcas on the Atlantic and Salina Cruz on the Pacific are to be carried out. These ports are the termini of the National Tehuantepec Railroad.

The new contract calls for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 during 1906 and \$12,000,000 during 1907. The total Federal appropriation for the port improvements at Coatzacoalcas and Salina Cruz is \$65,000,000. Pearson & Son, the contractors, are also the lessees of the National Tehuantepec Railroad. They will have soon completed the rebuilding of that line and proposed to build the railroad track parallel to the existing road.

CAPTAIN DAY RETIRES.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Captain William P. Day, recently stationed at the navy yard at Mare Island, Cal., has been placed on the retired list of the Navy with the rank of Rear-Admiral on his own application, after more than fifty years' service.